

Gallaudet HEERF Report #4 – January 10, 2021

1. Gallaudet University signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education the Certification and Agreement on April 21, 2020. The University intends to use no less than 50 percent of the \$1,642,996 provided to Gallaudet under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
2. Gallaudet has been awarded \$821,498 for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. As of December 31, 2020, the University has drawn down \$792,955.24.
3. As of December 31, 2020, the University has distributed \$796,745.24 to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. As indicated in #6 below, Gallaudet had decided to disburse funds to students in a two-pronged approach. The funds disbursed to date have largely been the first group of disbursements.

Due to the expected number of appeals being less than expected, Gallaudet announced in mid-September 2020 that students who qualified for emergency financial aid grants in the Spring semester who were also enrolled in the Fall semester were eligible to receive another \$250 to assist with Fall semester technology costs.

4. As of June 30, 2020 (the last day to complete FAFSAs for the 2019-2020 Academic year), Gallaudet has received a completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) from 1,135 students who were enrolled during Spring 2020. While not all of these students received federal aid or met other Title IV eligibility requirements, this is the most conservative number to report as an estimate at this time.

Gallaudet has not started to provide separate HEERF grants to students who were enrolled in Fall 2020, but not in Spring 2020, so the number of FAFSAs for 2019-2020 is still an appropriate benchmark.

There were an additional 134 students who were U.S. citizens or permanent residents who had not completed the FAFSA, but who might have been eligible for Title IV funding if the FAFSA was completed.

5. As of December 31, 2020, 972 students have received an emergency financial aid grant from the University under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

The University has created a committee charged with creating a list of criteria for students to meet to receive grants. The university will be using a

two-pronged approach to award emergency financial aid grants to students. A proportion of the funds awarded will be disbursed to students who meet the following specific criteria without an application:

- United States citizen or permanent resident
- completed a FAFSA for the 2019-2020 academic year
- lived on campus in student residence halls
- Was not enrolled in a fully online program
- The remaining amount will be available for students who feel they have additional needs to apply for funds.

6. As of December 31, 2020, a series of instructions and guidance was provided by Gallaudet to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants. Links to the notifications are shown below:

To students who met the specific Committee criteria:

<https://mailchi.mp/gallaudet.edu/changes-to-aa-3835944>

To students who did not fill out a FAFSA, but otherwise met the specific Committee criteria:

<https://mailchi.mp/gallaudet.edu/changes-to-aa-3835924>

To students who did not meet the specific Committee criteria but could be eligible for the second group of disbursements:

<https://mailchi.mp/gallaudet.edu/changes-to-aa-3835928>

To students enrolled for the Fall 2020 students who qualify for an extra \$250 disbursement:

<https://mailchi.mp/gallaudet.edu/additional-heerf-funds-to-be-disbursed>

The application for HEERF Funds is available on the Gallaudet website at <https://coronavirus.gallaudet.edu/heerf/>.